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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*), may I take it that the members of this settlement voluntarily embraced Christianity going out of their way from the settlement and seeking light from the missionaries working there? What is the basis of this answer?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The Government have not been asked to make any arrangement in this matter."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask who is in charge of this settlement?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The Salvation Army."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Are these people in secular charge of the settlement or are they also allowed to preach their religion there?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" They are not prohibited from preaching their religion though they are in secular charge of the settlement."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the Government have any objection for these people making their own arrangements for religious instruction?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether any other religionists can be allowed to go and preach to them their religion?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I do not think there would be any objection so far as the Government is concerned. But if the question is put to the Salvation Army agents they might object. May I suggest that the best way of testing that would be for some one to make the experiment."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know why the Salvation Army of all people was put in charge of this settlement?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" They were the only agency who undertook to do the work for us."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Government did not approach other religious preachers."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I do not think the question arises."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" Is it open to the Salvation Army to preach any other religion?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" They do not preach any other religion. It is on that ground that I suggested to my hon. Friend opposite they might make the experiment of sending preachers of other religions to the settlement."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given by the hon. the Home Member that it is open to the Salvation Army to raise objections to members of other religions going to the settlement and preaching,—supposing they do raise an objection what will be the attitude of the Government?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid, Sir, we must wait and see."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" We have waited and seen very many things. With regard to the twelve people who have accepted Christianity, was there any arrangement made for their religious instruction ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I have no information."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that some settlements are in charge of police officers ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" One settlement in South Arcot is in charge of a police officer."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Why was it that a non-religious agency was put in charge in this case ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP:—" We only resorted to departmental management in South Arcot because we could not find a non-official agency to undertake the work. My hon. Friend himself would be the first to admit that a non-official agency in these matters is better than an official agency."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" But any agency would be preferable to a proselytising agency."

Depressed classes.

Entry of Ezhuvas into the streets of Kalpathy.

* 300 Q.—Mr. S SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether during his recent visit to Palghat in connexion with the entry of Ezhuvas into the streets of Kalpathy he consulted the leaders of Ezhuvas ; and

(*b*) whether the Government Order issued on the matter was issued after considering the wishes of the Ezhuvas in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

11-15 a.m. Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government Order issued in the matter has met the wishes of the Ezhuvas ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I find it rather difficult to answer that question. I have been studying several newspapers and I find a remarkable difference of opinion between one newspaper and another. One newspaper says that order is quite right and others, that it is quite wrong."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Although the depressed classes are permitted to enter the Kalpathy agraharam on business as per the Government Order, the other day when a member of the depressed class entered that street on medical treatment as a doctor as per invitation of a Brahman he was almost being bandied by some Brahmans and he retired. Is it not a wrong treatment of the Ezhuvas by the Brahmans ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid it is hardly a matter in which the Government can take any action. The hon. Member does not say that there was any actual obstruction."

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Just I want to know from the Government whether the intention of the Government is to prevent the depressed classes whenever they want to pass through agraharam roads on account of those being short cuts."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I have nothing to add to the terms of the Government Order. "

Mr R. VEERIAN :—" I do not quite understand it."

Kalpathy car festival disturbance.

* 301 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Malabar Special Force came to Palghat and they were stationed to keep the Ezhuvas, the members of the untouchable classes, out during the time of the recent Kalpathy car festival disturbance; and

(*b*) if the Government have no information with reference to clause (*a*), whether they will call for the information?

A.—A section of the Malappuram Special Force was stationed at Kalpathy to prevent a breach of the peace.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know why a special force was necessary when the people belonging to the depressed classes wanted to pass through highways?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The answer is already on the printed paper. A special force was brought in to prevent a possible breach of the peace."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" May I know whether the special force was brought there before the commencement of the festival or after the order was passed?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" On that I have no particular information, but I take it that it was before the order was passed."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Did the Government or the Divisional Officer anticipate that a breach would take place?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" The Divisional Officer had reasons to think that a breach might take place."

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN :—" Is it not a fact that a contingent of reserve police force at the time of the car feast is brought every year to guard the Kalpathy agraharam?"

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" If the depressed class people behind the Kalpathy agraharam street want to pass through that street on business and if they are prevented from doing so, will the Government come to their rescue?"

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I do not think the Government Order has gone into that detail. It is in general terms."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" The other day it was stated when an Ezhuva from behind the Kalpathy agraharam wanted to enter the road, the